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## State of Montana

For the years 1903 and 1904





**Eleventh Biennial Report**

*of the*

**State Board of Land  
Commissioners** *o o*

*of the*

**State of Montana**

*to the*

**Ninth Legislative  
Assembly** *o o*

**December 1, 1902 to November 30, 1904**



# Eleventh Biennial Report

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Office of the State Board of Land Commissioners,

Helena, Montana, December 1, 1904.

To the Ninth Legislative Assembly:—

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3505 of the Political Code, the State Board of Land Commissioners herewith submits its Eleventh Biennial Report for the fiscal years of 1903 and 1904.

The State's holdings now amount to 3,154,670.51 acres. Of this amount 293,470.78 acres are timber lands showing an estimate of 1,058,260,000 feet of saw timber and the remainder, being 2,861,199.73 acres, is classified as agricultural and grazing land.

The amount of land under lease is 1,925,840.95 acres, being 67 per cent. of the State lands, exclusive of the timber lands, which are not subject to lease.

The amount of land sold by the State up to the present time is 66,375.71 acres, made up from the several grants as shown in the tables following.

## SELECTIONS.

The several grants of land made by Congress to the State, amounting to 668.080 acres, have been practically all filled by selections made by the state. There remains yet 13,221.07 acres to be selected for the Capitol Building Grant. The State having made application in 1899 for the survey of valuable timber lands, thereby establishing a preference right in making selections, it is the desire of the Board to fill this grant with timber land selections.

During the past two years 30,071.75 acres of land have been selected. Of this amount 6,613.68 acres are timber lands, placed to the credit of the Capitol Building Grant, and 22,258.07 acres selected as School Indemnity land in

lieu of School lands lost to the State by reason of appropriation by settlers before survey; or claimed as Mineral Land by miners and prospectors; or reserved by the Federal Government for other purposes. In this manner a total of 488,250.29 acres have been selected by the State and all placed under lease at a very fair rental.

### INVESTMENT OF STATE FUNDS.

The Eighth Legislative Assembly having extended the authority of the Board in making investments of the Permanent School, Permanent University and Permanent Agricultural College Funds, thus facilitating this work, the following investments were made, to-wit:

#### PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

Fergus County, School District No. 43.....	\$ 500.00
Broadwater County, School District No. 15.....	1,500.00
Valley County, School District No. 15.....	15,000.00
Missoula County, School District No. 1.....	10,000.00
Yellowstone County, School District No. 2....	25,000.00
Chouteau County, School District No. 16.....	10,000.00
Yellowstone County, School District No. 10....	1,200.00
Meagher County, School District No. 16.....	1,500.00
Carbon County, School District No. 23.....	1,000.00
Flathead County Court House.....	55,000.00
State Normal School .....	25,000.00
City of Dillon Water Works .....	59,000.00
Fergus Free High School .....	30,000.00
City of Great Falls, Refunding .....	111,000.00
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	<u>\$345,700.00</u>

Total investment of Permanent School Fund in

Bonds .....

	\$654,588.00
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#### PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND.

City of Dillon Water Works.....	\$ 6,000.00
City of Great Falls, Refunding .....	30,000.00
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	<u>\$36,000.00</u>

## Total investment of Permanent University Funds

in Bonds .....	\$81,000.00
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Total investment of State Funds in Bonds....	\$735,588.00
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The status of the different land grants is shown in the following tables, which give the number of acres of each grant in each county of the State, the appraised value, the classification, as grazing, agricultural or timber, the amount of saw timber thereon as estimated by the Land Agent, and the amount of land sold up to date.

For information regarding the revenues received during the fiscal years 1903 and 1904, see the Register's report hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. TOOLE,

President.

W. W. WELCH,

Secretary.

JAS. DONOVAN,

GEO. M. HAYS.

E. B. THOMPSON, Clerk.

## ELEVENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

## STATUS OF SCHOOL LANDS.

COUNTY	Acres Sur.	Acres Apr.	Apr. Value	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber	Ft. of Tim.
Beaverhead .....	75,803.28	75,803.28	\$116,890.22	71,656.18	3,947.10	.....	.....
Broadwater .....	19,930.41	19,930.41	43,446.76	17,315.87	2,614.54	.....	.....
Carbon .....	44,534.88	44,462.52	74,467.80	44,606.90	1,944.62	.....	.....
Cascade .....	139,741.35	136,860.39	258,594.14	132,903.27	3,957.12	.....	.....
Chouteau .....	521,974.85	462,451.30	739,738.56	458,800.93	3,650.37	.....	.....
Custer .....	152,290.69	149,890.69	252,443.24	148,200.69	1,690.00	.....	.....
Dawson .....	105,500.67	105,500.67	132,860.59	104,380.67	1,120.00	.....	.....
Deer Lodge .....	10,000.00	9,300.00	17,252.00	9,120.00	240.00	640.00	.....
Fergus .....	299,738.87	294,102.57	417,863.67	293,622.57	480.00	.....	.....
Flathead .....	59,477.80	44,079.60	52,551.29	1,210.00	1,797.94	41,072.66	94,050.000
Gallatin .....	26,352.07	30,752.39	83,623.78	23,698.39	5,454.00	1,600.00	*
Granite .....	12,788.53	9,600.00	16,330.00	8,700.00	840.00	.....	.....
Jefferson .....	24,119.32	22,579.32	30,940.00	22,319.32	160.00	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	62,887.34	55,784.93	98,489.14	54,864.93	920.00	.....	.....
Madison .....	95,641.26	85,620.87	115,059.35	83,980.87	1,640.00	.....	.....
Meagher .....	93,952.88	89,112.88	168,480.21	86,022.88	2,490.00	.....	.....
Missoula .....	55,569.35	33,829.48	43,893.51	2,938.81	1,399.00	29,491.67	60,955.000
Park .....	42,077.40	37,414.77	64,047.85	33,833.15	3,583.62	.....	.....
Powell .....	63,806.18	58,139.40	103,821.28	50,879.40	2,140.00	5,120.00	14,100.000
Ravalli .....	21,857.96	22,297.96	38,699.80	11,837.96	1,395.00	9,065.00	15,785.000
Rosebud .....	104,569.20	83,708.48	95,141.00	82,160.08	1,548.40	.....	.....
Silver Bow .....	7,470.35	6,343.03	11,746.06	5,943.03	400.00	.....	.....
Sweet Grass .....	75,625.25	70,345.25	113,170.57	68,215.25	2,530.00	.....	.....
Teton .....	213,507.11	212,227.11	355,980.41	209,977.11	2,250.00	.....	.....
Valley .....	92,862.84	70,055.49	97,550.11	68,625.03	1,530.46	.....	.....
Yellowstone .....	92,036.23	92,036.23	119,485.25	90,232.00	1,804.44	.....	.....
Total .....	2,527,034.97	2,332,292.02	\$3,662,616.04	2,186,150.89	52,026.61	86,989.23	181,890.000

\* No Estimate.

School Grant .....	2,038,894.42 acres.
Indemnity Selections .....	448,250.29 acres.
Amount Sold to Date .....	42,331.49 acres.



## STATUS OF THE PUBLIC BUILDING GRANT.

Total Grant .....	182,000.00 acres.
Amount Selected .....	168,778.93 acres.
Amount Approved .....	159,199.95 acres.
Amount Sold .....	3,800.22 acres.

County.	Acrea.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Ft. saw timber
Beaverhead .....	6,241.09	\$8,681.59	6,241.09	.....	.....	.....
Broadwater .....	15,053.10	24,681.76	14,853.79	290.00	.....	.....
Cascade .....	1,040.00	1,890.00	1,040.00	.....	.....	.....
Chouteau .....	5,991.05	11,982.18	5,991.05	.....	.....	.....
Dawson .....	640.00	1,920.00	600.00	40.00	.....	.....
Flathead .....	39,076.88	49,402.57	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallatin .....	14,293.02	26,103.01	11,839.54	160.00	38,916.88	156,822.000
Lewis and Clarke .....	10,164.46	16,127.76	10,124.46	40.00	2,243.48	.....
Madison .....	21,028.01	27,129.48	21,028.01	.....	.....	.....
Meagher .....	640.00	1,280.00	610.50	.....	.....	.....
Missoula .....	30,299.12	45,284.12	.....	.....	30,299.12	190,900.000
Powell .....	9,899.60	11,384.70	2,400.09	.....	7,499.60	37,435.000
Ravalli .....	6,618.56	7,508.56	2,658.56	.....	3,960.00	25,176.000
Teton .....	3,223.82	11,447.20	3,223.82	.....	.....	.....
Valley .....	640.00	1,280.00	.....	640.00	.....	.....
Totals .....	164,558.71	\$246,092.93	80,639.63	1,200.00	\$3,019.08	411,627.000

## ELEVENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

## STATUS OF SCHOOL OF MINES GRANT.

Total Grant .....100,000.00 acres.  
 Amount Selected ..... 99,738.08 acres.  
 Amount Approved ..... 99,211.38 acres.  
 Amount Sold to Date ..... 1,656.16 acres.

County.	Acres.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Ft. saw timber
Beaverhead .....	11,673.18	\$11,823.18	11,673.18	.....	.....	.....
Cascade .....	10,890.19	25,145.06	10,890.19	.....	.....	.....
Chouteau .....	23,368.45	45,698.66	23,368.45	.....	.....	.....
Flathead .....	25,095.90	31,543.25	.....	960.00	24,135.90	98,875.00
Gallatin .....	10,290.42	17,923.33	9,023.16	.....	1,277.26	*
Lewis and Clarke .....	4,923.53	7,286.00	4,923.53	.....	.....	.....
Madison .....	5,106.80	5,820.93	5,106.80	.....	.....	.....
Meagher .....	80.00	160.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....
Powell .....	640.00	1,280.00	640.00	.....	.....	.....
Ravalli .....	3,280.00	3,380.00	.....	.....	3,280.00	21,553.930
Teton .....	2,724.21	3,405.26	2,724.21	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	98,081.68	\$153,285.67	59,428.52	960.00	28,632.16	120,430.960

\* No Estimate.

## STATUS OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL GRANT.

Total Grant .....	100,000.00 acres.
Amount Selected .....	100,001.60 acres.
Amount Approved .....	97,563.02 acres.
Amount Sold to Date .....	3,070.41 acres.

County.	Acre.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Ft. saw timber
Beaverhead .....	16,358.48	\$26,450.96	16,358.48	.....	.....	.....
Cascade .....	3,461.40	7,443.53	3,461.40	.....	.....	.....
Chouteau .....	15,409.86	30,820.10	15,409.86	.....	.....	.....
Flathead .....	22,914.16	28,865.43	.....	.....	22,914.16	.....
Gallatin .....	5,014.81	17,044.94	2,499.97	1,390.00	614.81	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	2,292.14	4,624.28	2,292.14	.....	.....	.....
Madison .....	19,958.83	23,711.74	19,958.83	.....	.....	.....
Meagher .....	1,120.00	2,240.00	1,120.00	.....	.....	.....
Missoula .....	5,289.11	5,364.11	.....	.....	5,289.11	.....
Montana .....	1,956.96	2,165.21	1,956.96	.....	.....	.....
Teton .....	3,434.44	6,868.88	3,434.44	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	96,930.19	\$154,590.18	66,692.08	1,390.00	28,878.11	103,815.00

• No Estimate.

## STATUS OF THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE INCOME GRANT.

Total Grant ..... 90,000.00 acres.  
 Amount Selected ..... 89,508.77 acres.  
 Amount Approved ..... 83,026.36 acres.  
 Amount Sold to Date ..... 1,067.76 acres.

County.	Acrea.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Ft. saw timber
Beaverhead .....	9,403.00	\$11,753.70	9,403.00	.....	.....	.....
Carbon .....	3,900.33	7,801.86	3,900.33	.....	.....	.....
Cascade .....	1,760.00	3,520.00	1,760.00	.....	.....	.....
Chouteau .....	17,940.18	35,588.24	17,940.18	.....	.....	.....
Flathead .....	10,012.41	11,703.13	.....	.....	10,012.41	58,732.000
Gallatin .....	160.00	320.00	160.00	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	10,002.92	19,363.88	10,002.92	.....	.....	.....
Madison .....	4,331.76	4,901.92	4,331.76	.....	.....	.....
Meagher .....	14,855.62	29,710.84	14,855.62	.....	.....	.....
Missoula .....	2,369.63	2,369.63	.....	.....	2,369.63	15,650.099
Powell .....	317.69	635.38	317.69	.....	.....	.....
Ravalli .....	5,760.00	6,920.00	5,760.00	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Grass .....	1,280.00	2,560.00	1,280.00	.....	.....	.....
Valley .....	1,819.80	3,639.60	1,819.80	.....	.....	.....
Teton .....	4,426.83	8,753.66	4,426.83	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	88,440.77	\$149,541.84	76,058.73	.....	12,382.01	74,413.000

## STATUS OF THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BOND GRANT.

Total Grant .....	50,000.00 acres.
Amount Selected .....	49,872.62 acres.
Amount Approved .....	49,353.32 acres.
Amount Sold to Date .....	1,472.57 acres.

County.	Acres.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Ft. saw timber
Chouteau .....	440.32	\$880.64	440.32	.....	.....	.....
Flathead .....	16,931.45	22,800.24	.....	.....	16,609.81	77,030,000
Gallatin .....	1,856.79	3,848.48	1,856.79	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson .....	4,675.84	5,575.84	4,675.84	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	1,320.00	1,600.00	1,320.00	.....	.....	.....
Madison .....	11,310.85	11,957.86	10,990.85	320.00	.....	.....
Missoula .....	10,264.80	11,980.41	.....	.....	10,264.80	27,840,000
Powell .....	1,600.00	1,600.00	480.00	.....	1,120.00	4,870,000
Totals .....	48,400.05	\$50,243.47	19,763.80	641.64	27,994.61	109,740,000

## STATUS OF THE REFORM SCHOOL GRANT.

Total Grant ..... 50,000.00 acres.  
 Amount Selected ..... 49, 860.77 acres.  
 Amount Approved ..... 47,992.11 acres.  
 Amount Sold to Date ..... 1,682.68 acres.

County.	Acres.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Pl. saw timber
Beaverhead	5,960.00	\$5,960.00				
Carbon	3,850.01	7,700.02	5,960.00			
Cascade	2,531.54	6,175.08	3,850.01			
Chouteau	2,019.77	3,039.54	2,531.54			
Fergus	1,594.51	1,594.51	2,019.77			
Flathead	4,916.21	5,166.65	1,275.61	**		
Gallatin	642.32	642.32			4,916.21	25,570.000
Jefferson	1,079.55	1,079.55			642.32	*
Lewis and Clarke	1,160.00	2,320.00	1,079.55			
Madison	6,463.95	7,513.95	1,160.00			
Meagher	10,079.61	23,577.02	6,463.95			
Powell	8,290.52	10,647.92	10,079.61			
			5,720.52		2,480.00	11,620.000
Totals	48,178.09	\$75,416.56	40,139.56		8,038.53	37,190.000

\* No Estimate.

\*\* Soldiers' Home.

## STATUS OF THE DEAF AND BLIND ASYLUM GRANT.

Total Grant .....	50,000.00	acres.
Amount Selected .....	49,839.64	acres
Amount Approved .....	49,988.23	acres.
Amount Sold to Date .....	1,345.12	acres.

County.	Acres.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Fl. saw timber
Beaverhead .....	6,860.00	\$7,970.00	6,860.00	.....	.....	.....
Flathead .....	11,995.44	15,581.47	.....	.....	11,995.44	.....
Gallatin .....	2,577.44	3,061.55	1,957.44	.....	640.00	.....
Jefferson .....	2,873.18	3,830.00	2,873.18	.....	.....	58,825.000
Lewis and Clarke .....	3,160.00	4,350.00	3,160.00	.....	.....	.....
Madison .....	3,553.36	3,850.04	3,553.36	.....	.....	.....
Meagher .....	13,321.09	26,648.18	13,321.09	.....	.....	.....
Missoula .....	4,151.01	3,991.01	.....	.....	1,151.01	10,730.000
Totals .....	48,491.52	\$63,262.25	31,708.07	.....	16,786.45	69,685.000

\* No Estimate.

## STATUS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY GRANT.

Total Grant .....	16,080.48 acres.
Amount Selected .....	46,080.48 acres.
Amount Approved .....	46,080.48 acres.
Amount Sold to Date .....	9,886.30 acres.

County.	Acres.	Value.	Grazing	Agricultural	Timber.	Ft. saw timber
Broadwater .....	640.00	\$1,600.00	.....	640.00	.....	.....
Cascade .....	1,445.33	7,089.00	400.00	1,045.33	.....	.....
Custer .....	640.00	800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fergus .....	13,689.79	23,289.76	12,649.79	640.00	.....	.....
Flathead .....	869.04	4,250.05	160.00	148.67	.....	.....
Gallatin .....	2,731.60	9,441.43	2,080.00	651.00	560.37	2,680.000
Granite .....	635.84	1,640.00	385.84	240.00	.....	.....
Jefferson .....	1,281.92	2,560.00	1,281.92	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	1,920.00	3,940.00	1,920.00	.....	.....	.....
Madison .....	800.00	1,040.00	800.00	.....	.....	.....
Meagher .....	4,151.32	5,400.00	3,891.32	160.00	.....	.....
Missoula .....	1,280.00	2,880.00	.....	.....	1,280.00	3,750.000
Park .....	877.45	2,080.00	477.45	400.00	.....	.....
Powell .....	156.67	313.34	156.67	.....	.....	.....
Rosebud .....	3,813.74	5,219.28	3,299.05	604.69	.....	.....
Yellowstone .....	1,645.60	2,097.00	1,645.60	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	36,198.30	\$73,639.86	29,827.61	4,530.29	\$1,840.37	6,440.000



## STATE LAND SELECTED IN EACH COUNTY.

COUNTY	Granted Lands	School Indemnity	TOTAL
Beaverhead .....	56,298.61	19,529.36	75,828.03
Broadwater .....	115,693.10	1,838.90	17,532.00
Carbon .....	7,750.94	.....	7,750.94
Cascade .....	20,828.46	58,644.00	79,473.45
Chouteau .....	65,169.63	144,773.82	209,943.45
Custer .....	640.00	.....	640.00
Dawson .....	640.00	.....	640.00
Deer Lodge .....	.....	2,720.00	2,720.00
Fergus .....	14,565.40	89,440.79	104,006.19
Flathead .....	131,519.85	.....	131,519.85
Gallatin .....	37,365.40	1,280.00	38,645.40
Granite .....	635.84	.....	635.84
Jefferson .....	9,910.49	.....	9,910.49
Lewis and Clarke .....	34,943.05	13,104.08	48,047.13
Madison .....	72,553.56	16,822.24	89,375.80
Meagher .....	44,249.74	11,603.88	55,853.62
Missoula .....	53,753.67	.....	53,753.67
Park .....	877.45	1,270.00	2,147.45
Powell .....	20,814.48	25,636.25	46,450.73
Ravalli .....	17,615.52	3,073.25	20,688.77
Rosebud .....	3,813.74	.....	3,813.74
Silver Bow .....	.....	1,643.03	1,643.03
Sweet Grass .....	1,280.00	8,570.19	9,850.19
Teton .....	13,810.38	78,702.01	92,512.39
Valley .....	2,459.80	3,197.50	5,657.30
Yellowstone .....	1,665.60	6,400.00	8,065.60
Totals .....	628,854.77	488,250.29	117,105.06



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REPORT OF THE REGISTER  
*of The*  
**STATE LAND OFFICE**  
*of*  
THE STATE OF MONTANA  

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FOR THE YEARS 1903 AND 1904.

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## Report of the Register of the State Land Office.

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Office of the Register of the State Land Office,  
Helena, Montana, December 1, 1904.

To His Excellency, Joseph K. Toole,  
Governor of the State of Montana.

Sir:—

Complying with the provisions of Section No. 3592 of the Political Code, I have the honor to submit a report of the business of this office for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1904; and as reports of this office are published biennially, I include a summary of the report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1903.

Prior to the present administration the banner year in this office was 1900, when the total amount of money collected was \$200,275.25. Last year's total was \$388,279.15, and this year the amount is \$389,812.60.

Last year my predecessor sold an unusually large amount of land at the public auction in Flathead county, realizing over \$65,000.00 from that sale, but notwithstanding the fact that only a comparatively small amount was realized from a sale this year, the general collections have been good and last year's receipts have been exceeded by \$1,533.45.

At the beginning of this administration there were 1,265,895 acres of land under lease yielding an annual revenue of \$144,383.00. Now there are 1,798,376.10 acres under five-year contracts at a yearly rental of \$190,384.95. To this may be added 127,464.85 acres, which are under yearly permits at a rental of \$9,407.88.

From this it will be seen that there are today 659,945.95 acres more under lease than four years ago, and the annual revenue from this source has increased \$55,409.83.

Since this office was established the sum of \$2,255,771.65

has been received from the various sources, and of this amount \$1,435,012.11 has been received during the last four years.

During the present administration public auctions have been held in nearly every county in the State, and it is my opinion that this plan should be continued. In this way the citizens are made familiar with the lands which this State has for lease, and it has certainly been the means of bringing a large number of acres under lease, which would not have occurred if this policy had not been pursued. If only one new lease is written in a county at such an auction, the rental received during its life more than covers all expenses connected with such a public offering.

Considerably more land was sold during the fiscal year 1903 than 1904, the former being 10,294.29 acres for a sum of \$175,084.65, or an average per acre of \$10.68. This year the amount sold is 6,227.41 for a sum of \$142,118.02, or an average per acre of \$16.03.

The number of town lots sold in the "School Addition" to the City of Missoula during the past year is very small, the total value of same being only \$428.00. According to the present appraised valuation, the unsold portion of this section, which is Section 16 in T. 13 N. of R. 19 W., is about \$50,000.00.

All old saw timber contracts have been concluded during the past year, and at this time only one such contract is in force. This contract covers all the saw timber on the west half of Section 16 in T. 3 N. of R. 21 W. and it expires on November 17, 1905.

The amount of money per capita distributed for the benefit of the common schools has increased from \$0.38 in 1897 to \$2.60 in 1903 and for the year 1905 it may reach \$2.70.

This department should certainly be classed as one of the most important departments of the State, and the responsibility of conducting it increases with every year. From the various tables submitted herewith, which are made part

of this report, comparisons can easily be made, and further comment on my part is unnecessary.

The relations between the various members of the State Board of Land Commissioners and those in this department have remained pleasant, and I wish to express my thanks to the various members of the Board for their courteous treatment of all in this office.

The services rendered by my assistant and by the clerk of the State Board of Land Commissioners have been up to the requirements and I could only praise their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. SCHMIT,

Register of the State Land Office.

TABLE NO. 1—SHOWING THE RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE FOR THE YEARS 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, IN EACH FUND  
AND FROM WHAT SOURCES DERIVED.

FUND.	Year.	Sales.	Leases.	Interest.	Timber.	Total.
Permanent School .....	1901 .....	\$26,506.92	.....	.....	\$29,082.99	\$55,590.91
	1902 .....	82,524.02	.....	.....	10,066.27	93,580.29
	1903 .....	74,555.65	.....	.....	9,333.31	83,888.96
	1904 .....	116,781.19	.....	.....	11,153.43	127,934.62
School Income .....	1901 .....	.....	135,848.27	1,853.13	.....	137,701.40
	1902 .....	.....	157,503.12	2,643.95	.....	160,405.07
	1903 .....	.....	163,156.36	6,104.50	.....	169,260.86
	1904 .....	.....	158,714.19	8,735.56	.....	167,439.75
Permanent University .....	1901 .....	5,920.44	.....	.....	.....	5,920.44
	1902 .....	34,029.20	.....	.....	.....	34,029.20
	1903 .....	19,467.04	.....	.....	.....	19,467.04
	1904 .....	16,173.71	.....	.....	.....	16,173.71
University Bond .....	1901 .....	.....	5,055.30	552.03	7,570.21	13,177.54
	1902 .....	.....	4,047.53	822.68	.....	4,870.21
	1903 .....	.....	3,201.45	3,312.73	.....	6,514.18
	1904 .....	.....	3,683.20	4,251.96	.....	7,935.16
The Capital Building Interest and Sinking .....	1901 .....	8,906.21	4,826.06	.....	.....	13,822.27
	1902 .....	8,076.31	3,853.22	96.64	2,108.49	14,176.66
	1903 .....	12,357.55	5,346.57	115.92	1,137.76	18,857.80
	1904 .....	3,759.12	4,760.20	297.30	115.00	8,871.62
The School of Mines Building Interest and Sinking .....	1901 .....	2,028.10	6,222.23	.....	.....	8,250.33
	1902 .....	619.05	7,105.32	.....	666.65	8,391.02
	1903 .....	9,428.96	6,499.25	111.35	828.00	16,867.56
	1904 .....	552.08	5,000.43	252.77	20.00	5,825.28

TABLE NO. 1.—Continued.

FUND.	Year.	Sales.	Leases.	Interest.	Timber.	Total.
State Normal School .....	1901 .....	\$4,221.30	\$6,165.70	.....	\$7,802.60	\$18,290.00
	1902 .....	3,084.60	7,389.04	.....	6,187.08	16,640.72
	1903 .....	7,719.29	6,690.40	161.10	12,628.82	27,139.52
	1904 .....	14,384.10	5,847.65	329.45	9,598.78	30,159.98
Permanent Agricultural College .....	1901 .....	2,332.80	.....	.....	.....	2,332.80
	1902 .....	1,390.00	.....	.....	.....	1,390.00
	1903 .....	3,940.60	.....	.....	1,016.00	4,956.60
	1904 .....	2,504.30	.....	.....	106.00	2,610.30
Agricultural College Bond .....	1901 .....	\$80.00	336.25	.....	14,625.14	15,871.39
	1902 .....	2,581.84	856.25	.....	6,284.81	9,718.93
	1903 .....	8,656.34	963.25	35.87	12,719.88	22,075.34
	1904 .....	2,040.54	972.25	69.85	7,108.01	10,190.68
Agricultural College Income .....	1901 .....	.....	7,496.45	.....	.....	7,496.45
	1902 .....	.....	7,654.36	.....	.....	7,654.36
	1903 .....	.....	6,728.50	99.40	.....	6,757.70
	1904 .....	.....	5,827.70	29.20	.....	5,856.90
The State Reform School Building .....	1901 .....	3,514.00	2,888.55	.....	.....	6,402.55
	1902 .....	4,490.00	3,092.05	.....	.....	7,582.05
	1903 .....	432.00	2,760.25	88.20	3,761.66	7,012.11
	1904 .....	240.80	3,475.35	75.60	123.35	3,915.10



TABLE NO. 1—Continued.

FUND.	Year.	Sales.	Leases.	Interest.	Timber.	Total.
The Deaf and Dumb Asylum Interest and Sinking	1901	3,680.00	2,598.47	.....	2,000.00	8,278.47
	1902	1,650.00	2,819.47	.....	666.65	5,136.12
	1903	2,119.28	2,448.90	.....	683.28	5,251.46
	1904	211.70	2,243.40	81.00	259.00	2,798.10
Soldiers' Home U. S. Aid.	1901	.....	200.00	.....	.....	\$200.00
	1902	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00
	1903	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00
	1904	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00
Total.....	1901	\$58,179.77	\$171,668.88	\$2,405.16	\$61,081.94	293,335.75
Total.....	1902	139,335.62	194,639.36	3,562.67	26,026.98	363,584.63
Total.....	1903	138,796.62	197,491.73	9,959.07	42,418.71	388,279.13
Total.....	1904	166,647.54	190,623.77	14,055.69	28,485.60	389,812.60

TABLE NO. 2—SHOWING AMOUNT OF LAND IN EACH GRANT SOLD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1903, AND ITS VALUE.

COUNTIES	School, .....	University....	Public Bld'gs	School of Mines.....	State Normal School .....	Agri. College Bond.....	Agri. College Income .....	State Reform School.....	Deaf & Dumb Asylum.....	Total Acres..	Gross Value .	Average Price Per Acre....
1 Beaverhead .....	160.00								80.00	240.00	\$2,100.00	\$10.00
2 Broadwater .....												
3 Carbon .....	317.70									317.70	3,177.00	10.00
4 Cascade .....	602.36									602.36	6,023.60	10.00
5 Chouteau .....	120.00									120.00	1,200.00	10.00
6 Custer .....												
7 Dawson .....												
8 Deer Lodge .....												
9 Fergus* .....	256.69	42.39								299.08	2,557.40	11.88
10 Flathead .....	2,277.54	845.36	983.18	981.97	700.04	781.85	376.06	17.20	236.54	7,110.74	72,539.26	12.00
11 Gallatin .....	1,600.00	160.00		169.01	327.08					2,256.09	25,810.90	11.41
12 Granite .....	400.00									400.00	1,000.00	10.00
13 Jefferson .....	480.00									480.00	4,800.00	10.00
14 Lewis and Clarke..				40.00						40.00	400.00	10.00
15 Madison .....												
16 Meagher .....												
17 Missoula .....	1,040.00									1,040.00	11,520.00	11.08
18 Park .....		80.00								80.00	800.00	10.00
19 Powell .....	9.50	157.20								166.70	1,834.20	11.14
20 Ravalli .....	875.00									875.00	10,082.00	11.52
21 Rosebud .....	857.91									857.91	8,579.10	10.00
22 Silver Bow .....												
23 Sweet Grass .....	480.00									480.00	4,800.00	10.00
24 Teton .....	2.59		160.90				48.00			203.49	2,060.00	10.12
25 Valley .....	335.00									335.00	3,350.00	10.00
26 Yellowstone .....	480.00									480.00	8,160.00	17.00
Total .....	10,294.29	1,334.95	945.08	1,190.98	1,027.12	781.85	416.96	17.20	376.54	16,381.07	\$175,084.06	\$10.68

\* Besides the above there were forty tracts of five acres each sold in Fergus County for value of \$8,925.00.

TABLE NO. 3—SHOWS AMOUNT OF LAND IN EACH GRANT SOLD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1901 AND ITS VALUE.

COUNTIES	School.....	University....	Public Bld'gs	School of Mines.....	State Normal School .....	Agri. College Bond.....	Agri. College Income, ....	State Reform School .....	Deaf & Dumb Asylum.....	Total Acres	Gross Value	Average Price Per Acre....
1 Beaverhead	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 Broadwater	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 Carbon	99.86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.86	\$1,120.12	\$1.22
4 Cascade	320.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320.00	3,200.00	10.30
5 Chouteau	162.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	162.00	2,420.00	11.35
6 Custer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7 Dawson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8 Deer Lodge	640.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	640.00	12,020.00	18.78
9 Fergus	480.00	76.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	556.90	5,893.00	10.51
10 Flathead	629.12	640.00	48.06	9.37	1,062.90	88.90	178.43	6.08	8.58	2,681.44	35,158.65	14.11
11 Gallatin	801.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	158.62	.....	.....	.....	959.62	9,996.20	10.12
12 Granite	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 Jefferson	1.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.68	20.00	11.90
14 Lewis and Clarke	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Madison	320.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320.00	3,360.00	10.50
16 Meagher	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 Missoula	2,070.65	.....	160.00	.....	40.00	.....	160.00	.....	.....	2,130.65	59,943.65	21.66
18 Park	3.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.10	31.00	10.00
19 Powell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 Ravalli	360.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360.00	4,080.00	11.32
21 Rosebud	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22 Silver Bow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Sweet Grass	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 Teton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 Yellowstone	320.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320.00	4,960.00	15.50
Total .....	6,227.41	716.90	208.06	9.37	1,102.90	247.52	328.43	6.08	8.58	8,861.25	\$112,118.02	\$12.61

TABLE NO. 4—SHOWS THE NUMBER OF ACRES UNDER LEASE IN EACH

COUNTIES	Rentals	School	Univ.	P. Bldgs.	S. of M.
Beaverhead .....	89,294.10	56,240.04	.....	6,241.09	12,053.12
Broadwater .....	2,269.35	11,260.94	640.00	4,111.89	.....
Carbon .....	3,873.65	26,045.47	.....	.....	.....
Cascade .....	18,959.10	129,301.22	1,428.43	400.00	10,984.99
Chouteau .....	37,353.40	280,203.70	.....	8,265.59	21,034.86
Custer .....	4,351.60	55,788.68	640.00	.....	.....
Dawson .....	1,393.15	17,596.14	.....	640.00	.....
Deer Lodge .....	571.25	6,240.00	.....	.....	.....
Fergus .....	24,258.60	217,435.48	13,717.61	.....	.....
Flathead .....	2,953.75	4,442.53	908.67	354.65	1,426.95
Gallatin .....	8,064.57	23,358.00	2,007.31	3,659.00	7,927.96
Granite .....	765.25	4,434.21	635.84	.....	.....
Jefferson .....	1,062.15	8,704.92	320.00	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	8,729.08	45,703.26	1,280.00	7,447.02	4,363.53
Madison .....	6,499.00	47,295.89	640.00	16,419.21	1,095.26
Meagher .....	12,034.55	70,943.95	3,200.00	640.00	80.00
Missoula .....	1,721.73	7,285.68	1,120.00	320.00	.....
Park .....	3,641.95	34,055.72	172.45	.....	.....
Powell .....	6,375.90	46,087.59	154.67	1,962.40	640.60
Ravalli .....	2,723.10	14,134.05	.....	6,536.32	.....
Rosebud .....	1,109.20	18,538.20	964.83	.....	.....
Silver Bow .....	718.50	5,713.65	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Grass .....	5,868.35	52,748.76	.....	.....	.....
Teton .....	17,824.74	163,831.06	.....	1,420.00	2,948.01
Valley .....	3,388.80	35,027.42	.....	.....	.....
Yellowstone .....	5,809.50	65,831.45	1,665.00	.....	.....
Total.....	\$191,967.62	1,448,248.01	30,094.81	58,417.17	65,554.68

## GRANT AND COUNTY AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOV. 30, 1903.

S. N. SCH	AG. C. B.	AG. C. I.	S. R. SCH.	D & D	S. HO.	Total	Average
10,003.39		8,443.00	5,400.00	6,400.00		104,820.64	8.8
						16,012.83	14.2
		1,986.95	2,887.43			30,919.85	12.5
5,684.81		2,200.00	3,187.47			153,186.92	12.3
11,658.23		16,844.28	670.14			341,676.80	11.0
						56,428.68	7.7
						18,236.14	7.6
						6,240.00	9.1
		319.42			1,275.61	232,748.12	10.4
702.00	240.00	122.67		640.00		8,837.47	33.2
3,319.04	2,654.81	800.00		1,937.44		46,263.56	17.4
						5,070.05	15.0
	160.00			2,353.18		11,538.10	9.2
2,292.14	240.00	10,102.88	1,160.00	2,120.00		74,708.83	11.7
5,495.22	1,795.80	470.16	2,329.64	1,353.36		76,894.54	8.4
1,120.00		6,832.63	10,080.31	9,680.62		102,577.51	11.7
795.03	1,538.48			512.76		11,571.95	14.9
						34,228.17	10.6
		477.69	5,185.60			54,507.95	11.7
1,800.00		5,464.00				27,934.37	9.7
						19,563.03	7.2
						5,713.65	12.5
		1,280.00				54,028.76	10.8
7,919.50		5,226.83				181,345.40	9.8
		1,360.00				36,387.42	9.6
						67,496.45	8.6
50,789.36	6,629.69	61,930.51	30,900.59	25,037.36	1,275.61	1778,877.19	10.8

TABLE NO. 5—SHOWS THE NUMBER OF ACRES UNDER LEASE IN EACH

COUNTIES	Rentals	School	University	Pub. Bdg.	Sch. of M.
Beaverhead .....	\$9,705.65	57,832.04	.....	6,401.09	14,012.57
Broadwater .....	2,250.25	11,818.65	640.00	4,070.54	.....
Carbon .....	4,088.15	28,826.71	.....	.....	.....
Cascade .....	16,910.88	116,437.76	1,428.43	720.00	10,990.02
Chouteau .....	35,990.59	278,618.51	.....	7,927.87	24.0 4.12
Custer .....	4,588.60	59,138.58	1,797.28	.....	.....
Dawson .....	1,563.15	19,836.14	.....	640.00	.....
Deer Lodge .....	732.50	7,720.00	.....	.....	.....
Fergus .....	24,635.10	223,355.48	14,677.61	.....	.....
Flathead .....	2,868.75	4,708.70	588.67	394.65	1,426.95
Gallatin .....	7,688.57	22,598.00	1,967.31	5,233.19	8,475.01
Granite .....	665.55	4,274.21	635.84	.....	.....
Jefferson .....	1,112.15	9,184.92	320.00	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke .....	8,346.43	43,882.94	1,920.00	6,807.02	4,323.53
Madison .....	6,611.25	49,095.89	640.00	17,425.69	320.00
Meagher .....	13,008.30	72,623.95	3,840.00	640.00	80.00
Missoula .....	2,074.64	8,226.56	1,120.00	960.00	.....
Park .....	3,336.55	35,975.72	100.00	.....	.....
Powell .....	6,431.09	45,687.07	154.67	1,962.40	640.00
Ravalli .....	2,710.55	14,574.05	.....	7,015.26	.....
Rosebud .....	1,493.70	19,315.15	964.83	.....	.....
Silver Bow .....	673.50	5,393.65	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Grass .....	5,450.05	50,213.91	.....	.....	.....
Teton .....	18,314.09	173,417.29	.....	1,499.00	2 918.01
Valley .....	3,643.80	37,716.79	.....	.....	.....
Yellowstone .....	4,917.60	59,425.73	1,665.00	.....	.....
Total .....	\$190,384.95	1,459,898.40	32,459.64	61,696.71	66,880.21

# REPORT OF THE REGISTER OF THE STATE LAND OFFICE. 29

GRANT AND COUNTY AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 30, 1904.

S. N. Sch.	Ag. C. B.	Ag. C. I.	S. R. Sch.	D. & D.	Sol. Ho.	Total	Ave.
100,003.39	1,280.00	8,443.00	5,400.00	6,760.00	.....	110,132.09	8.8
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,529.19	13.6
.....	.....	1,986.95	2,887.43	.....	.....	33,701.09	12.1
2,601.40	.....	2,720.00	609.00	.....	.....	135,506.61	12.4
14,902.54	.....	11,438.42	1,335.59	.....	.....	338,287.05	10.7
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60,935.86	7.5
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,476.14	7.6
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,720.00	9.4
.....	.....	319.42	.....	.....	1,275.61	239,628.12	10.3
862.00	240.00	282.67	.....	640.00	.....	9,143.64	31.5
3,319.01	2,494.81	800.00	.....	1,937.44	.....	46,424.80	16.6
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,910.05	13.6
.....	640.00	.....	.....	2,353.18	.....	12,498.10	9.0
2,292.14	240.00	10,102.88	800.00	2,480.00	.....	72,848.51	11.4
5,095.22	1,795.80	470.16	2,969.64	1,353.36	.....	79,165.76	8.4
1,120.00	.....	14,852.14	10,080.31	9,680.62	.....	112,917.02	11.8
1,112.41	1,646.58	.....	.....	1,378.97	.....	14,444.52	14.7
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36,075.72	10.9
.....	.....	477.69	5,185.60	.....	.....	54,107.43	11.9
1,556.94	.....	4,084.00	.....	.....	.....	27,230.25	9.9
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,279.98	7.4
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,293.65	12.5
.....	.....	1,280.00	.....	.....	.....	51,493.91	10.6
5,267.96	.....	5,226.83	.....	.....	.....	188,359.00	9.7
.....	.....	1,360.00	.....	.....	.....	39,076.79	9.3
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61,090.73	8.0
48,133.04	8,237.19	63,814.16	29,267.57	26,583.57	1,275.61	1,798,376.10	10.6

TABLE NO. 6—SHOWS THE RENTALS IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES AND GRANTS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
NOVEMBER 30, 1903.

COUNTIES	Acres	School	Univ.	P. Bldgs	S. of M.	S. N. Sch.	Ag. C. B.	Ag. C. L.	S. R. Sch.	D. & D. A.	S. Ho.	Total Rental
Beaverhead	104,820.64	\$5,052.70	\$.....	\$519.00	\$659.30	\$1,059.30	\$.....	\$68.10	\$276.00	\$460.00	.....	\$9,291.40
Broadwater	16,012.89	1,680.45	100.00	488.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,369.35
Carbon	30,919.85	9,239.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193.50	410.95	.....	.....	3,873.65
Cascade	153,186.92	15,867.10	508.00	45.00	1,195.25	629.45	.....	317.00	397.30	.....	.....	18,969.10
Chouteau	340,676.80	29,971.98	.....	632.86	2,943.16	1,320.45	.....	2,106.15	78.80	.....	.....	37,353.40
Custer	56,428.68	4,304.60	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,354.60
Dawson	18,236.14	1,353.15	.....	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,393.15
Deer Lodge	6,240.00	571.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	571.25
Fergus	232,748.12	22,942.60	1,216.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	100.00	24,258.60
Flathead	8,837.47	2,213.00	290.00	42.50	214.00	77.75	56.50	20.00	.....	40.00	.....	2,853.75
Gallatin	46,263.56	4,632.45	525.50	484.37	935.50	876.25	360.50	100.00	.....	150.00	.....	8,064.37
Granite	5,070.05	677.75	87.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	765.25
Jefferson	11,538.10	814.65	20.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	207.50	.....	1,062.15
Lewis and Clarke	74,708.83	5,374.50	128.00	827.45	488.10	285.00	15.00	1,256.68	115.00	209.35	.....	8,729.08
Madison	76,894.54	4,140.57	80.00	1,273.43	79.50	490.75	125.25	58.75	145.75	105.00	.....	6,199.00
Meagher	102,577.51	8,370.75	424.00	80.00	10.00	312.00	.....	738.00	1,291.75	1,068.05	.....	12,064.55
Missoula	11,571.95	1,264.73	155.00	50.00	.....	110.00	110.00	.....	.....	32.00	.....	1,721.73
Park	34,298.17	3,601.25	60.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,661.95
Powell	54,507.36	5,625.20	20.00	167.50	80.00	.....	.....	59.70	423.50	.....	.....	6,375.10
Ravalli	27,934.37	1,756.65	.....	438.05	.....	119.00	.....	410.00	.....	.....	.....	2,723.10
Rosebud	19,503.63	1,331.20	75.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,400.20
Silver Bow	5,713.65	718.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	718.50
Sweet Grass	54,011.76	5,708.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160.00	.....	.....	.....	5,868.35
Teton	181,345.40	15,711.19	.....	160.00	290.00	1,196.90	.....	556.65	.....	.....	.....	17,824.74
Valley	36,387.42	2,218.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170.00	.....	.....	.....	2,388.80
Yellowstone	67,496.45	5,686.75	142.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,809.50
Total	1,178,877.19	\$156,371.72	\$3,882.45	\$5,549.00	\$6,804.81	\$6,276.85	\$687.25	\$6,854.53	\$3,169.65	\$2,271.90	\$100.00	\$191,967.62



TABLE NO. 7.—SHOWS THE RENTALS IN FORCE IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES AND GRANTS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 30, 1904.

COUNTIES	Acres	School	Univ.	P. Bldg.	Sch. of M.	S. Nor. S.	Ag. C. Rd.	Ag. C. In	S. Ref. S.	D. & D.	Sol. Ho.	Total Rental
Beaverhead	110,132.09	\$5,839.35	\$.....	\$539.00	\$755.30	\$1,059.30	\$100.00	\$658.10	\$238.00	\$476.00	\$.....	\$9,705.65
Broadwater	16,529.19	1,703.10	100.00	447.15	.....	.....	.....	193.50	440.35	.....	.....	2,250.25
Carbon	33,701.09	3,453.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	414.00	10.00	.....	.....	4,088.15
Cascade	135,516.61	11,424.25	508.00	90.00	1,115.88	238.75	.....	1,332.70	245.70	.....	.....	16,910.88
Chouteau	338,257.65	28,877.62	.....	910.61	2,829.86	1,734.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,990.50
Custer	60,335.86	4,456.50	132.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,588.60
DeWison	20,176.14	1,523.15	.....	40.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	.....	1,563.15
Deer Lodge	7,720.00	732.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	732.50
Fergus	229,628.12	23,285.10	1,290.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.50	.....	.....	100.00	24,835.10
Flathead	9,143.61	2,203.00	185.00	17.50	214.00	30.25	56.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,808.75
Gallatin	46,424.80	4,193.45	483.50	569.37	445.50	876.25	320.50	100.00	.....	150.00	.....	7,688.57
Granite	4,910.05	577.75	87.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	655.25
Jefferson	12,498.10	811.65	20.00	20.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	207.50	.....	1,112.15
Lewis and Clarke	72,818.51	5,001.85	178.00	767.15	488.10	285.00	15.00	1,256.68	100.00	254.35	.....	8,316.43
Madison	79,165.76	4,293.57	80.00	1,312.18	25.00	460.75	125.25	58.75	190.75	105.00	.....	6,611.25
Mengher	112,917.02	8,515.75	474.00	80.00	10.00	112.00	.....	1,486.75	1,261.75	1,068.05	.....	13,008.30
Missoula	11,411.52	1,147.61	155.00	90.00	.....	185.00	95.00	.....	.....	102.00	.....	2,071.61
Park	36,075.72	3,831.25	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,836.25
Powell	54,107.43	5,075.70	20.00	167.50	80.00	.....	.....	59.70	428.50	.....	.....	6,431.00
Ravalli	27,230.25	1,766.46	.....	500.35	.....	.....	.....	325.70	.....	.....	.....	2,710.35
Rosebud	20,279.98	1,418.70	75.00	.....	.....	118.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,493.70
Silver Bow	5,393.65	678.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	678.50
Sweet Grass	51,499.91	5,300.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	556.65	.....	.....	.....	5,400.05
Teton	188,359.09	16,581.19	.....	170.00	200.00	806.25	.....	170.00	.....	.....	.....	18,314.09
Valley	39,076.79	3,473.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,613.80
Yellowstone	61,000.73	4,771.95	142.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,917.00
Total	1,798,376.10	\$151,752.62	\$3,935.85	\$5,761.11	\$6,733.61	\$6,025.90	\$752.25	\$6,885.02	\$2,945.65	\$2,402.90	\$100.00	\$190,384.95

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TABLE NO. 8—SHOWS THE RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 1903  
IN EACH FUND AND FROM WHAT SOURCES RECEIVED.

FUND	Sales	Leases	Interest	Timber	Total
Permanent School .....	\$74,555.65	.....	.....	\$9,333.31	\$83,888.96
School Income .....	.....	\$163,156.36	\$6,104.50	.....	169,260.86
Permanent University .....	19,467.04	.....	.....	.....	19,467.04
University Bond .....	.....	3,201.45	3,312.73	.....	6,514.18
Public Building .....	12,357.55	5,346.57	115.92	1,137.76	18,957.80
School of Mines .....	9,428.96	6,499.25	111.35	828.00	16,867.56
State Normal School .....	7,749.20	6,590.40	161.10	12,638.82	27,139.52
Agricultural College Bond.....	8,656.31	663.25	35.87	12,719.88	22,075.34
Per. Agricultural College.....	3,940.60	.....	.....	1,016.00	4,956.60
Agricul. College Income.....	.....	6,728.30	29.40	.....	6,757.70
State Reform School .....	132.00	2,760.25	88.20	3,761.66	7,042.11
Deaf and Dumb Asylum.....	2,119.28	2,448.90	.....	683.28	5,251.46
Soldiers Home U. S. Aid.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00
Totals .....	\$138,706.62	\$197,494.73	\$9,959.07	\$42,118.71	\$388,279.13

TABLE NO. 9—SHOWS THE RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 1904  
IN EACH FUND AND FROM WHAT SOURCES RECEIVED.

FUND	Sales	Leases	Interest	Timber	Total
Permanent School .....	\$116,781.19	.....	.....	\$11,155.43	\$127,936.62
School Income .....	.....	\$158,714.19	\$8,725.56	.....	167,439.75
Permanent University .....	16,173.71	.....	.....	.....	16,173.71
University Bond .....	.....	3,683.20	4,251.96	.....	7,935.16
Public Building .....	3,759.12	4,760.20	237.30	115.00	8,871.62
School of Mines .....	552.08	5,000.43	252.77	20.00	5,825.28
State Normal School .....	-4,384.10	5,847.05	329.45	9,598.78	30,159.38
Per. Agricultural College.....	2,504.30	.....	.....	106.00	2,610.30
Agricultural College Bond.....	2,040.54	972.25	69.85	7,108.04	10,190.68
Agricul. College Income .....	.....	5,827.70	29.20	.....	5,856.90
State Reform School .....	240.80	3,475.35	75.60	123.35	3,915.10
Deaf and Dumb Asylum .....	211.70	2,243.40	84.00	259.00	2,798.10
Soldiers Home U. S. Aid .....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00
Totals .....	\$156,647.54	\$190,623.77	\$14,055.69	\$28,485.60	\$389,812.60

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TABLE NO. 10—SHOWS THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AGAINST EACH GRANT, THE YEARLY INTEREST, AND THE INCOME IN 1903 AND 1904, WHICH AMOUNTS ARE USED TO PAY THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS.

Grant	Bonds	Interest	Receipts 1903	Receipts 1904
University .....	\$140,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,514.18	\$7,935.16
Public Building .....	350,000.00	21,000.00	5,462.49	4,997.50
School of Mines .....	120,000.00	6,000.00	6,610.60	5,253.20
State Normal School .....	95,000.00	4,750.00	6,751.50	6,176.50
Agricultural College .....	100,000.00	6,000.00	699.12	1,042.10
Deaf and Dumb Asylum .....	40,000.00	2,400.00	2,448.90	2,327.40

TABLE NO. 11—SHOWS THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE PERMANENT FUNDS, AND THE CONDITION WHEN THE PRESENT DEFERRED PAYMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

	Permanant School	Permanent University	Permanent Agr. Col.
Bonds .....	\$654,588.00	\$81,000.00	.....
Warrants .....	70,959.43	.....	.....
Cash .....	63,633.33	24,428.00	11,199.70
Deferred Payments .....	136,310.65	52,205.14	1,680.00
Total.....	\$925,551.43	\$157,633.14	\$12,879.70

TABLE NO. 12—SHOWS PRINCIPAL ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF PURCHASES OF LAND IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 30, 1904.

School .....	\$136,310.65
University .....	52,205.14
Public Building .....	3,328.68
School of Mines .....	4,965.43
State Normal School .....	7,665.88
Agricultural College Bond .....	1,710.25
Permanent Agricultural College.....	1,680.00
State Reform School .....	900.00
Deaf and Dumb Asylum .....	1,560.00
Total.....	\$209,426.06

TABLE NO. 13—SHOWS THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THE STATE LAND GRANTS FOR THE SEVERAL YEARS FROM 1892 TO 1904.

1892 .....	\$44,718.53
1893 .....	26,627.85
1894 .....	42,169.81
1895 .....	41,363.79
1896 .....	42,689.07
1897 .....	102,886.73
1898 .....	126,833.71
1899 .....	200,195.20
1900 .....	200,275.25
1901 .....	293,335.75
1902 .....	363,581.63
1903 .....	388,279.13
1904 .....	389,812.65
Total.....	\$2,255,771.05

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TABLE NO. 14—SHOWS THE RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1903.

December, 1902 .....	\$15,270.42
January, 1903 .....	17,467.22
February, 1903 .....	20,188.85
March, 1903 .....	21,929.35
April, 1903 .....	20,042.40
May, 1903 .....	42,516.49
June, 1903 .....	18,027.98
July, 1903 .....	29,750.95
August, 1903 .....	44,815.99
September, 1903 .....	27,252.96
October, 1903 .....	26,917.28
November, 1903 .....	104,099.24
Total.....	\$388,279.13

TABLE NO. 15—SHOWS THE RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1904.

December, 1903 .....	\$22,743.12
January, 1904 .....	20,417.72
February, 1904 .....	24,909.82
March, 1904 .....	14,741.95
April, 1904 .....	25,145.73
May, 1904 .....	17,857.55
June, 1904 .....	38,669.57
July, 1904 .....	31,330.81
August, 1904 .....	77,923.14
September, 1904 .....	25,315.86
October, 1904 .....	45,698.99
November, 1904 .....	44,998.34
Total.....	\$389,812.60

TABLE NO. 16—SHOWS THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM RENTALS DURING THE PAST 12 YEARS.

1893 .....	\$13,982.54
1894 .....	14,094.00
1895 .....	19,163.50
1896 .....	27,134.77
1897 .....	47,618.26
1898 .....	75,063.06
1899 .....	109,306.10
1900 .....	144,383.76
1901 .....	171,668.88
1902 .....	194,639.36
1903 .....	197,494.73
1904 .....	190,623.77
Total.....	\$1,205,172.73

# **Twelfth Biennial Report**

*of the*

# **State Land Agent**



**To His Excellency. Joseph K. Toole**

**Governor of Montana**



**December 1, 1902 to November 30, 1904**

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OF THE

# STATE LAND AGENT

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Office of the State Land Agent.

Helena, Mont., December 1, 1904.

To His Excellency,

Jos. K. Toole, Governor,

Helena, Montana.

Sir:--

I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of this office for the fiscal years commencing December 1, 1902, and ending November 30, 1904.

## SELECTIONS OF STATE LANDS.

During the years 1903 and 1904 there was selected 30,071.75 acres of land. Of this amount 6,613.68 acres is timber land which by my estimates shows 50,000,000<sup>\*</sup> feet of saw timber. This land is located in Missoula county, and was placed to the credit of the Public Buildings Grant. There still remains 13,221.07 acres to be selected for this grant.

## CONTESTS.

During the last summer I selected 4,100.67 acres of timber land in Flathead county. This land lies in T. 29 N. of R. 27 W., the survey of which was applied for by the State in 1899, thereby initiating a preference right to make selections. While other parties have made application for this land under the Timber and Stone act and Scrip selections, thereby contesting the preference right of the State, the matter has been taken up to the Commissioner of the General Land

Office on appeal of the State and I have no doubt whatever of a decision in our favor.

Thos. Miner has instituted a contest for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36, T. 11 N. of R. 19 W., and Edward S. Ensign for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , same section, both claiming homesteads.

All of Sec. 18, and N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 20, T. 10 N. of R. 18 W., is claimed by B. M. Francis as placer ground. All the land involved is covered with a heavy growth of yellow pine timber.

I do not believe that Miner and Ensign can win these suits, as their settlements were made after the State had applied for the survey of these townships. In the case of B. M. Francis it is a matter of proof whether the land is more valuable for its timber or the gold it contains.

#### RE-APPRAISALS IN FLATHEAD COUNTY.

Last June the Board furnished me with two men for the purpose of re-appraising timber lands in Flathead county. In three and one-half months the land in six townships were carefully gone over and estimates made of every forty-acre tract, giving the number of the trees, the kind and character of the timber. The new estimates made exceed the old ones by 176,180,000 feet of saw timber.

#### TRESPASS.

There was collected from tie cutters in several instances from trespass on State land the sum of \$137.35.

The Great Northern Railway Company paid \$398.00 for 189,000 feet of saw timber cut outside of their right-of-way on the Whitefish cut-off.

Sims & Shields, contractors on the Whitefish cut-off, paid \$182.00 for 141,000 feet of logs used for constructing camps.

The Big Blackfoot Milling Company cut and removed 85,000 feet of timber from Sec. 36, T. 12 N. of R. 17 W., for which it paid the State \$170.00.

#### FOREST FIRES.

Last summer, being an unusually dry season, there were numerous fires in the timber, many of them being set by

sparks from the locomotives on the Great Northern Railroad, and others caused by careless campers. I made an examination to see what the State's loss was and found that 1,000,000 feet would cover the loss. In many instances the fire swept through bodies of yellow pine, doing but little damage to the standing timber, burning only the underbrush and fallen timber. I believe much timber could be saved from fire if all parties cutting timber could be made to carefully burn the tops after cutting the timber.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY NEILL,

State Land Agent.



## STATE LAND SELECTED SINCE DECEMBER FIRST, 1902.

COUNTY	School Indemnity	Public Building	Total
Beaverhead .....	\$80.00	.....	\$80.00
Cascade .....	1,237.39	180.00	1,417.29
Chouteau .....	4,032.15	.....	4,032.15
Fergus .....	637.52	.....	637.52
Lewis and Clarke .....	200.00	80.00	280.00
Madison .....	2,074.13	.....	2,074.13
Meagher .....	1,120.00	.....	1,120.00
Missoula .....	.....	6,613.68	6,613.68
Sweet Grass .....	2,271.73	.....	2,271.73
Teton .....	9,637.99	.....	9,637.99
Valley .....	167.16	640.00	807.16
Total .....	22,258.07	7,813.68	30,071.75

LATE AND APPROVED SURVEYS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES, HAVE  
ADDED THE CORRESPONDING ACREAGE OF SCHOOL LANDS TO THE  
STATE'S HOLDINGS, TO-WIT:

County.	Acres.
Carbon .....	7,860.32
Cascade .....	960.96
Custer .....	26,240.00
Dawson .....	8,351.96
Fergus .....	4,316.30
Flathead .....	6,043.62
Gallatin .....	4,319.68
Lewis and Clarke .....	5,822.31
Madison .....	6,490.00
Missoula .....	4,057.57
Park .....	4,662.63
Powell .....	2,466.78
Ravalli .....	5,780.00
Sweet Grass .....	6,779.68
Teton .....	1,280.00
Valley .....	13,618.05
Total .....	108,959.96

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